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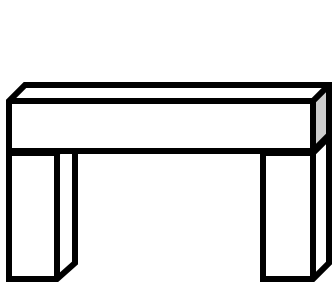### *the 'multiple view thing' is about to take off in a big way*

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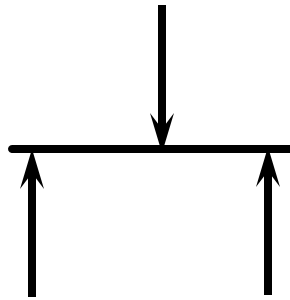**University of British Columbia**
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a fundamental breakthrough is possible

- **a diversity of models is
  a key enabler for all engineering fields**
  - hierarchical models
  - <u>and</u> crosscutting models

- **new result crosscutting programs**
  - today
    - can have significant impact on industrial SDP
  - tomorrow
    - can marry the best of
      - language/programming based approaches (scruffies)
      - formal/model-based approaches (neats)
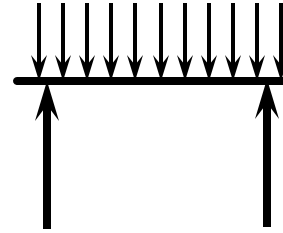   - key support for "science of engineering of software"
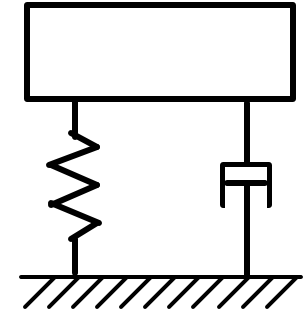
models – hierarchical and crosscutting
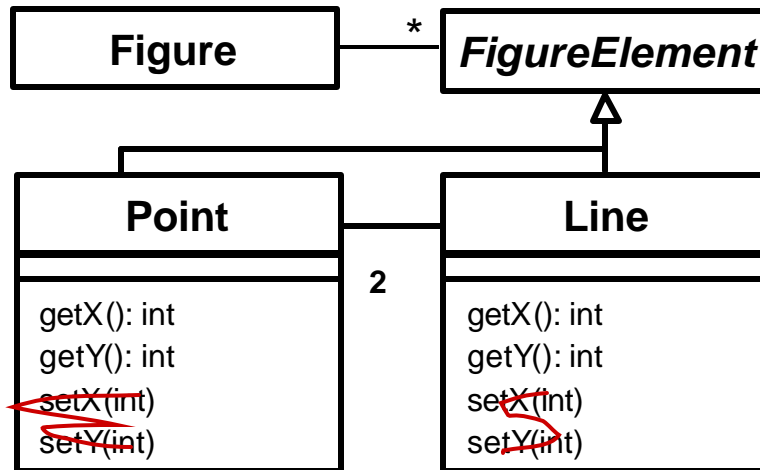
artifact

simple
statics

more
detailed
statics

simple
dynamics

- **dynamic model crosscuts static models**
- **intuitively crosscutting means:**
  something spread-out in one view
  is local in the other, and vice versa

programs – hierarchical or level of detail

move tracking

```
class Line {
  private Point p1, p2;

  Point getP1() { return p1; }
  Point getP2() { return p2; }

  void setP1(Point p1) {
    this.p1 = p1;
  }
  void setP2(Point p2) {
    this.p2 = p2;
  }
}

class Point {
  private int x = 0, y = 0;

  int getX() { return x; }
  int getY() { return y; }

  void setX(int x) {
    this.x = x;
  }
  void setY(int y) {
    this.y = y;
  }
}
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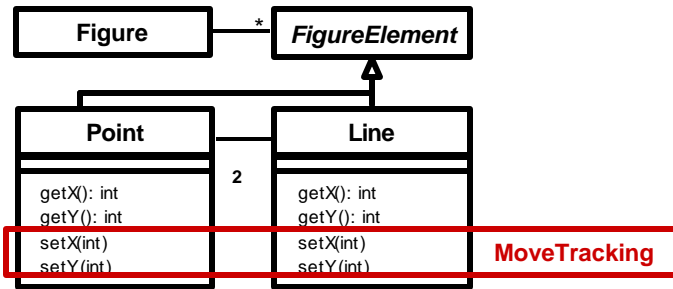
crosscutting programs


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an aspect is a modular unit of crosscutting

code (and design)

```java
aspect DisplayUpdating {

  pointcut move():
    call(void Line.setP1(Point))      ||
    call(void Line.setP2(Point))      ||
    call(void Point.setX(int))        ||
    call(void Point.setY(int));



  after() returning: move() {
    Display.update();
  }
}
```

impact and agenda

- **0-3 years**
  - early adopter Java programmers
    - improved productivity, configurability, adaptability…
    - using aspect-oriented programming
      - AspectJ, Hyper/J, Demeter…
    - using aspect-oriented software development
      - connections to UML, IDEs

  - research work
    - security, robustness, distribution…
    - language design and implementation
    - tools support, methods, processes, refactoring

  - beginning to see transition to industry
    - but must maintain research

impact and agenda

- **3-10 years**
  - ability to have crosscutting programs enables
    - design rationale capture to align with code
    - models to align with code
      - 'rountrip' between model and code level
      - eliminate win-lose formal/programming struggle
    - technological basis for 'engineering of software'
      - we can support multiple

  - wonderful work to do
    - are now seeing burst of proposals for different views
    - develop a science of this
      - what will our time–frequency domain transform be?
    - build a new community structure